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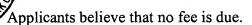
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 16, 2004, in the above-referenced case, indicating that the application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to reply to the Office action mailed May 12, 2004. However, Applicants never received the Office letter mailed May 12, 2004. Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive the Office action.

To establish non-receipt of the Office action, Applicants submit herewith a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office action mailed May 12, 2004, was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received.



Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-reference application and, further, request that the Office mail a new Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT FROM PRACTITIONER OF NONRECEIPT OF OFFICE ACTION

1. I, the undersigned, am the patent practitioner representing Applicants in the prosecution of the above-referenced application.

- 2. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 16, 2004, in the above-referenced case.

 The Notice indicates that the application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to reply to the Office action mailed May 12, 2004.
- 3. Following receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, I obtained a copy of the Office action mailed May 12, 2004, from the USPTO web site. The Office action mailed May 12, 2004, was a restriction requirement. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire one (1) month from the mailing date.
- 4. I did not receive the Office action mailed May 12, 2004.
- 5. It is standard practice in our office to record immediately upon receipt all communications related to Office actions, whether received directly from the USPTO or forwarded from outside counsel, in a received-mail log prior to forwarding the communication to the responsible practitioner. The received-mail log indicates the date the mail was received, the date the mail was sent, the type (i.e., mode) of communication (e.g., letter or fax), a description of the mail and the case that it relates to, including the docket number, and the

practitioner handling the case. If an Office action had been received, it would be listed in the received-mail log.

- 6. I searched the file jacket, the docket record, and the received-mail log. All searches indicated that the Office action mailed May 12, 2004, was not received.
- 7. Attached hereto as evidence is a copy of the received-mail log spanning the period from the mailing date of the Office action, May 12, 2004, to the end of the one-month statutory period set for response, June 12, 2004. No record of an Office action mailed May 12, 2004, is contained in the received-mail log.
- 8. Based on the above, I state that I never received the Office action mailed May 12, 2004, in the above-referenced case, and attest to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received.

Respectfully submitted,

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